

Two weeks before a major national election, Sinclair Broadcasting has exercised its corporate muscle in a crass display of partisanship that should not go uncensored.

Using the public airwaves free of charge, broadcasting companies are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. When elections are at issue, they are obligated more than ever to remind their programmers to be non-partisan.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The corporate bureaucracy must be reminded that their viewers live in a democracy not an economic wasteland that is up for grabs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.